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**REMARKS:**

Re: Keiji Yada, et al.  
(Assigned to: Tohken Co., Ltd.)  
U. S. Patent Application No. 10/719,887  
"X-Ray Microscopic Inspection Apparatus"  
Our Ref: B-5308 621524-7/MSG

It will be appreciated if you will inform us as to the status of the above-identified U.S. patent application. This inquiry is being initiated on the basis of the fact that the subject application was filed on November 21, 2003 and an official action dealing substantively with this application has not been received. Therefore, please inform us as to when we may expect to receive an official action for the above-identified application.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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